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REMARKS

Change of correspondence address and associate power of attorney

An associate power of attorney has been filed herewith, appointing Michael Dryja. Also please note that the correspondence address for this patent application has been changed to customer number 23441, and it is requested that all subsequent correspondence be sent to this new address.

Claims 1-3

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled, rendering their rejection moot.

Claims 4-15

Claims 4-15 have been allowed.

Claims 16-18

Claims 16-18 are new claims, corresponding to claims 8-10, but in which the limitation "means" has been either removed or replaced with the limitation "mechanism." Applicant asserts that claims 16-18 are patentable for at least the same reasons that claims 8-10 are. The difference between claims 8-10 and claims 16-18 is that while claims 8-10 invoke 35 USC 112, paragraph 6, due to their inclusion of means-plus-function language, claims 16-18 do not, due to their lack of inclusion of such language.

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Conclusion

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, and request that they so be allowed. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' Attorney so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. For these reasons, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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